

Committee on Human Services  
State of Connecticut General Assembly  
Hartford, CT  
February 19, 2023

Subject: Raised Bill No. 6618 Public Hearing - in opposition

To the representatives of the Committee on Human Services:

Good morning, I am writing as a concerned citizen, who both lives and works in the state, to express my opposition to proposed legislation HB 6618 (*An Act Concerning Medical Assistance for Certain Persons Receiving Abortion Care and Related Services in Connecticut*). This legislation would use state funds –taxpayer funds –for the ending of innocent human life, thus compelling people of the state to cooperate in and facilitate abortion against their formed consciences.

Indeed, there is already state funds available to certain women who reside in Connecticut to assist in obtaining an abortion procedure and/or abortifacient drugs. While that legislation is not at issue today, the proposed bill will extend the number of abortions funded by the Connecticut taxpayers. This is a violation of the conscience rights of myself and fellow citizens who hold the same convictions.

In addition to the extension of abortion, this bill if enacted would stress or entangle funding available to low-income families in-state for programs to assist in housing, unemployment, disabilities, and access to medical treatment, further putting the offer of abortion to out of state persons ahead of the needs of the residents of the commonwealth.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully,  
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(House District 55, Senate District 19)